



## ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY

### Grafting Insurance Methods Exposed.

### THE LOSSES CONCEALED

### Profits Transferred to Debit Side Of Profit and Loss Accounts.

### BY ORDER OF PRESIDENT

### The Examiners Knew of These Methods of Concealing Losses, But Did Not Report Them, Considering it None of Their Business.

New York, Dec. 22.—Additional testimony regarding the management of the Mutual Life Insurance Company was given today.

The committee session tended to show that the company used the profits from the sales of securities to conceal the reduction of book values in real estate, or losses, as Charles E. Hughes, counsel to the committee called them.

Today after the auditors of the Mutual Life had testified to this fact, Isaac Vanderpool, chief examiner of the department, declared he had not discovered the matter in his examination company last year when in his report he gave the company "good character." He said these manipulations of figures were not apparent in the books. These transfers of profits to the debit side of the profit and loss account were made by the auditors upon the instruction of President McCurdy, and Vice-President Grannis and written instructions were produced. They named figures that adjusted the accounts and last year while there was really a profit of almost a million and a half dollars, when these transfers were made no profit whatever was shown.

Vanderpool said he had examined the report of 1904, which showed no profits from the sale of securities. Although he knew this was untrue, he did not so report it, because he did not think it was necessary. The same situation existed in the New York Life according to Vanderpool. Vanderpool said he never went back of the ledgers.

### ALPHONSO WILL MARRY.

### Spanish King At Last Finds One Who Will Have Him.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Figaro this morning declares a definite agreement is reached between the British and Spanish governments regarding the betrothal of King Alfonso, and the Princess Ena of Battenberg, but that official announcement will not be made for several weeks.

### ARRESTED FOR PLOTTING.

London, Dec. 22.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Tokio reports the arrest of a former soldier named Higurashi on the charge of being concerned in a plot to assassinate the

## CHOATE NAMED CHAIRMAN HAGUE PEACE DELEGATION

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Post tomorrow will say that Joseph H. Choate in all likelihood will be named by President Roosevelt as chairman of the American delegation at the second

premier, count Katsura, because he consented to a "Disgraceful peace."

### MORMONS ERECT MONUMENT.

South Royalton, Vermont, Dec. 22.—A party of fifty Mormons arrived here today from Utah, Ohio and New York to be present tomorrow at the dedication of a monument erected to the memory of the prophet, Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon faith, on the site of the famous "Inn of Sharon," where he was born 100 years ago.

### MORE TAGGART DIVORCE.

Wooster, Ohio, Dec. 23.—A motion for a new trial in the Taggart divorce case was overruled by Judge Eason here today. Mrs. Taggart's attorneys announced their intention of carrying the case into the circuit court.

## ON GOOD TERMS

### The Anthracite Board of Conciliation Meets.

### ARE INVITED TO DINE

President Baer of the Reading Railway Calls on the Board and Asks Them Out to Luncheon—Best of Feeling Prevails.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—The Anthracite Board of Conciliation met in the offices of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company today and transacted considerable business but did not reach a decision on any of the questions taken up. An incident of the session was the visit paid to the board by President George F. Baer of the Reading Railway who invited the members of the board to join him at luncheon. During the luncheon Baer proposed the following: "To the Anthracite Board of Conciliation, I propose the toast: 'Blessed are the peacemakers.'"

To the three representatives of the miners who make up half of the board the words of Baer augured well for the future relations between the mine workers and the operators. Representatives of the operators placed no significance to the toast, saying Baer desired to make an appropriate Christmas toast.

### HENRY IRVING ESTATE.

### Leaves Entire Fortune of \$100,000 to Two Sons.

London, Dec. 22.—The will of Sir Irving, if it is understood, leaves two-thirds of his estate, which consists solely of \$100,000 realized at a recent sale of his theatrical relics, art works, and library, to his two sons, Henry B. and Laurence Irving. At the time of the sale of the effects it was understood the proceeds would go to the actor's benevolent fund.

### MAKES OVERTURES.

Dublin, Dec. 22.—William O'Brien is making overtures to the Parliamentary party led by John Redmond for a working agreement and the adoption of a common line of action at the forthcoming general elections. The overtures were received in a friendly spirit, but so far no interview has been held between the leaders.

### GREAT DISCONTENT.

Panama, Dec. 22.—Advices from Cartagena say there is great discontent through the Republic owing to the increased taxation.

### CONDITION DEPLORABLE.

Tokio, Dec. 22, 11:30 A. M.—An eye witness to the extent of the famine in the northeast provinces, who has just returned, reports the condition of the people to be really deplorable. The ad-

## UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE IS REFUSED

### EMPEROR NICHOLAS DENIES NATIONS PRAYER

### At Session of Cabinet Presided Over By the Czar It is Decided to Refuse to Grant Universal Suffrage.

### GOVERNMENT IS RUNNING TRAINS OUT OF ST. PETERSBURG

### Railroad Men's Strike Committee Make Heroic Efforts to Stop the Trains from Being Run Out of the Capitol and Succeed in Persuading Nearly All the Men Remaining at Their Posts to Quit—Nevertheless Government Gets Out Trains Over Many Lines.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—It is difficult to judge at this stage whether the general political strike is a success or failure. The authorities are bewildered at the strength of the strikers and the strike has reached formidable proportions in this city, where fully one-third of the workmen have obeyed the order of the workmen's council. Strike leaders assert additional strength will be obtained immediately. News from the interior is meagre and the exact conditions are not ascertainable. The government is making arrests by the wholesale and maintains an air of confidence. The proletariat organizations are marshaling their forces. The prevailing impression is that with the limited funds at the disposition of the unions, the strike must spread rapidly and entertain a new and more violent phase or the game will be lost. "General December" and "General Hunger" are powerful allies of the government.

The "Rusa" is evidently discounting the failure of the strike and declares in any event "Every defeat is a revolutionists victory and every victory of the government approaches its final surrender."

The "Novoe Vremya" points out that for the first time the revolutionary manifesto was signed by the Jews. The paper also declares rich Jews are taking advantage of the situation in buying up abandoned estates.

Landlords throughout the country are empowered by imperial ukase, to organize guards for the protection of property.

At a session of the cabinet, presided over by Emperor Nicholas, it was decided universal suffrage should not be granted.

The railroad men's strike committee made heroic efforts to stop trains being run out of St. Petersburg today and

succeeded in inducing practically all the men who remained at their posts to desert in the cause of the strikers. Nevertheless, the government is dispatching trains over many lines with the aid of the military, but regular schedules are not being maintained.

A dispatch from Riga says the insurrection in the Baltic provinces has extended to Esthonia. The population is driving out the Russian officials, and electing new local administrators. The railroad employes have joined the ranks of the strikers.

The British government has authorized their consuls at Riga and other Russian ports in the event of danger to charter vessels to remove the British subjects to safety.

### CONVOKE DOUMA IN MARCH.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The Emperor and cabinet late last night reached a final decision regarding the electoral law, deciding against universal and equal suffrage, and in favor of the extension of the law promulgated August 19th last to include, in addition to small land owners in the country, the workmen and educated classes, the rent payers in the cities.

The Douma will be convoked in March.

### BESEIGED ESCAPE.

Moscow, Dec. 22.—The 12,000 persons who were besieged in the Aquarium since last night forced the railings of the surrounding buildings this morning and escaped through an adjacent school house. A few were wounded in their attempts to escape through the military cordon.

### JURY COMPLETED.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The jury to try the beef trust cases was completed this afternoon. The trial commences after Christmas.

### DECLINES APPOINTMENT.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Lieutenant-General Chaffee, in a letter to Mayor McClellan of New York, declined the appointment of police commissioner.

### WANT ANOTHER MAN.

Seattle, Dec. 22.—Tacoma and Seattle manufacturers are preparing to launch W. H. Paulhamus of Sumner as a candidate for the Interstate Commerce Commission in the event the Senate declines to confirm Franklin K. Lane of California.

### WANT SNOW.

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New York, Dec. 22.—The Salvation Army is praying for snow. "Just a flurry of snow would double our street collections," said Commander Booth yesterday in speaking of her plans for giving Christmas dinners to the poor. "A little snow does make people so sympathetic."

In New York the Army counts on giving a good Christmas dinner to twenty-five thousand unfortunates, of whom

five thousands will sit down to a banquet at 6 o'clock on Christmas night in the Grand Central Palace. The others will be reached through a distribution of baskets from the barracks on Christmas morning.

"I shall personally hand a basket to each one in line," said Miss Booth, her dark eyes kindling with anticipation. "In each basket will be a good dinner, consisting of a large chicken, a tin of soup, potatoes, and other vegetables, sugar, coffee, a pound loaf of bread, and five pounds of apples."

### WADSWORTH A "CINCH."

Albany, Dec. 22.—Governor Higgins went to Olean tonight to spend Christmas with his family. He expressed himself satisfied with the outcome of the week's political conflict. He regards Wadsworth for speaker of the assembly a sinecure.

## FRAUDS ARE GREAT

### California Land Frauds Outclass Those in Oregon.

### STATE MINERALOGIST SAYS

### The Matter Will Shortly Be Presented to the Federal Authorities for Investigation—Not Only Timber Lands Grafted, But Mineral Claims Also.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Lewis E. Aubrey, state mineralogist, said today:

"The timber land frauds of Oregon and Washington are petty compared with similar frauds in this state. Hundreds of thousands of acres of timber and the richest mineral land in California is being seized by timber grabbers." Aubrey says the matter will probably be presented to the federal grand jury.

Among those named in Aubrey's report as having engaged in the acquisition of state lands are Thomas B. Walker, the Minnesota millionaire and lumberman; E. S. Collins, D. G. Curtis and C. H. Hillbrook, of this city, owners of big timber tracts; W. E. Wheeler, of New York, and H. H. Yard, who represented the Western Pacific Railway in the acquiring of lands in the northern part of the state.

It is claimed by Aubrey that many locations were made by these men by means of "dummies," and that in some instances perjured testimony was given regarding the character of lands.

"The timber land frauds exposed in Washington and Oregon are petty compared with similar frauds now being carried on in California," said Mr. Aubrey. "Hundreds of thousands of acres of the finest timber and richest mineral lands in the state are being seized by the timber-grabbers. If it is exempt from entry as timber land, they file mining location notices on it, take out a patent later, and thus forever shut out the prospector and miner. Where it is open to entry they file timber locations and swear the land is non-mineral, even where it is known to be rich in mineral.

"I know of timber-grabbers filing on land and swearing it was non-mineral when there were stamp mills crushing gold ore on the same land at the time the timber location was filed. This thing has got to be stopped, and stopped now, or it will be but a short time until the million of acres of timber in California are in the hands of the few men, and prospectors and miners will practically be shut out."

## FATAL FIGHT BETWEEN PRISONERS AND CONSTABLE

Mount Carmel, Ill., Dec. 22.—Two men were killed and another fatally wounded in a passenger coach on the Southern railroad when two prisoners attempted

## PREMIER'S ACT UNPOPULAR

### Bannerman Makes Conservatives Indignant.

### HOME RULE FORGOTTEN

### British Premier Opposed in Policy Of Preventing Importing Coolies.

### NO INTERFERENCE WANTED

### South African Mine Owners Say if Importation of Coolies Is Forbidden Will Entail Great Hardship on Them—If Premier Persists Trouble May Follow.

London, Dec. 22.—The announcement made by Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in a speech at Albert Hall on Monday night has aroused a storm of indignation among conservatives as a result of which the question of home rule for Ireland appears likely to be well nigh forgotten. Whatever may have been the intention of the premier, his action is looked upon some in some quarters as an adroit counter movement to the front at the forthcoming campaign. Leading officials of the Rand as a general rule reserve their opinions on the matter, but admit the action of the government can have but little effect for at least a year as 48,000 Chinese coolies are already there, while the original idea was an experiment with 50,000.

Premier's Action Deplored. Johannesburg, Dec. 22.—Mining officials here deplore the action of the home government regarding the importation of Chinese coolies as announced by the premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. In mining circles it is pointed out the prevention of the importation of coolies would entail much hardship on the mine owners. The latter are determined to make a strong campaign with a possible result of serious difficulties. The cry has already been raised that the government is interfering unwarrantably with the affairs of the Transvaal and many persons here look for an outburst of disloyalty.

### SHE ALSO WAS THIS MAN'S LAWFUL WIFE

### Evidence Shows Mrs. Leafgreen, Suing For Half Estate of L. J. Howard Was Married to Him.

St. Louis, Dec. 22.—Evidence, introduced today at the hearing of the suit of Mrs. Alameda Leafgreen for one-half of the estate of the late Laclede J. Howard, to whom she claims to have been married, was corroborated by Mrs. Leafgreen's testimony that the man she married under the name of "Henry" Howard was Laclede J. Howard.

### GIVES UP POSITION.

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—The Express says: R. A. Bird will give up his position as vice-president in charge of the traffic of the Gould lines. He will be succeeded January 1st by M. C. Markham.

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